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MEMORANDUM FOR:
Chief, Coordination Group

FROM : D/DCI/NI

SUBJECT : Anticipated Requests from the Senate Intelligence
Committee (SIC)

Forwarded herewith is a list of NIO products or activities, which from past experience with the Select Committees, we expect the SIC may show interest in or levy requests for. Suggested responses for discussion by the Coordination Group are included as footnotes. While we feel strongly regarding denial of National Intelligence Estimates and Special National Intelligence Estimates to the SIC, we realize that holding the line on National Intelligence Analytical Memoranda, Interagency Intelligence Memoranda and NIO Intelligence Memoranda though desirable may be impossible. In the event that such materials or briefings are made available to the SIC, all in the NIO structure are concerned regarding unauthorized disclosure of sensitive data. The NIOs have been assured that this subject is high on the Coordination Group's platter as a matter requiring early discussion and resolution.

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Anticipated Requests from the SIC

Documentary

National Intelligence Estimates (NIE) 1/
Special NIEs 1/
National Intelligence Analytical Memoranda 1/
Interagency Intelligence Memoranda 1/
Intelligence Memoranda 1/
NSSM responses 2/
Development files for estimative products 3/
Copies of Briefings given to NSC, WSAG, CFI, PFIAB 1/
Copies of Briefings given Congressional Committees 4/
5/

Non-Documentary

Substantive Briefings by NIOs 5/
Interviews with NIOs regarding Community performance --
quality, quantity 5/
Interviews with NIOs on national intelligence production
procedures 5/

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- 1/ These products raise the question of executive privilege as they are internal advice to the President and his senior staff. Under no circumstances should they be provided to the SIC for retention. On a case by case, it may be appropriate to allow the SIC to read some estimative products including NIAM, IIM and IM in a sanitized form if necessary.
- 2/ No. Inputs to NSSMs are policy oriented and belong to the NSC Staff which must approve disclosure to the SIC.
- 3/ No. Should not be provided to the SIC since they are internal working papers.
- 4/ For both the above briefings, it must be noted that our record copies usually are not verbatim transcripts of the briefing actually given. The Congressional Committees normally make their own transcripts which the Legislative Counsel usually reviews for security reasons. The Executive Branch briefings do not usually have transcripts.
- 5/ No objection to providing to the SIC.

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